



IRMA TIMES

Christmas Greetings

Wedding Bells

CRABB—PYTEL

A quiet wedding took place on Dec. 11 in the manse of the Wainwright United church when Rev. Whelan united in marriage Mary Elizabeth Pytel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pytel of Fabyan and William Crabb of Irma.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a dressmaker suit in powder blue wool, complemented with black accessories and a black, gold sequined hat, trimmed with veiling. A corsage of pink roses was pinned to her shoulder. Miss Annie Milton attended the bride. She chose an aqua blue dressmaker suit, black accessories and a small sequined hat trimmed with veiling. Her corsage was red roses.

Best man was Frank Crabb, brother of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception to 20 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother received in a brown two-piece suit accentuated with a corsage of pink roses. The bride's table was laid in white with a three-tiered wedding cake flanked with bouquets of chrysanthemums and ferns.

Toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Frank Crabb, the best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crabb later entertained their friends to a much enjoyed dance in the Fabyan school.

TO REDUCE WEED SEED SPREAD

The Alberta department of agriculture has been requested to prohibit custom seed cleaning except by permit. We know that we can not get rid of weeds by planting them, but a surprising number of weed seeds are drilled into our fields every year.

The custom cleaning plant is replacing the individual fanning mill in many districts. When under careful management, these custom cleaners do effective work and render a very useful service. When carelessly operated they are a menace to the community. In the case of a farmer with weed seeds like wild mustard or hoary cress patrolling the cleaning plant, the careless operator will spread these weeds to the farms of most of his other patrons.

The provincial government, municipal councils and farmers spend large sums to control weeds, but to keep weeds in check co-operation is required from all interested in good farming. As a safeguard against mixing seed of new weeds into otherwise clean grain during the cleaning process, all operators of seed cleaning equipment must now make application for a permit.

Permits are issued by the Field Crops Branch without charge in all cases where the operator can satisfy the department that his cleaning equipment is adequate and properly operated.

IRMA PEE-WEES LOSE TO WAINWRIGHT 5-4

The first Pee-Wee game of the season took place in Wainwright rink on Saturday at 2 o'clock between Irma Roughriders and Wainwright Juniors. The Irma team took a 2-0 lead in the first period with Mason slapping the puck past McKenzie in a scramble around the Wainwright net. Shortly after the face-off the Roughriders increased their lead with Peterson netting another on a lone breakaway. Wainwright's chance came early in the second period when Hill beat Enger on a close in shot. Carter followed shortly with another to set the score at 2-2. Irma retaliated with two more goals, one scored by Targett and the other by Peterson. Wainwright kept up this fast scoring when Carter beat Enger in the closing minutes of the period leaving the score at 4-3. The third began much the same as the second with Wainwright tying the score. This looked bad for Irma but with Pond in the penalty box, they put on the pressure but failed to score. Wainwright, with less than five minutes to go, took the lead when Pond, on a breakaway, beat Enger with a waist-line shot. Irma tried vainly to tie the score but failed and the game ended in Wainwright's favour with the score at 5-4.

Irma Pee-Wees play next Saturday against Wainwright so let's see you there. This game will be played in Irma.

Irma line-up: W. Enger; R. W. Kennedy, Peterson, Targett; Hockett, Masson, R. Lovig; M. Lovig, Jones, McGowan; O. Lovig, Shapka, Pierce.

The annual meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid was held in the Irma United church on the afternoon of Dec. 12. The Sec. report was very favorable and it was agreed that \$40 be given to the M. and M. fund and \$100 to the church building fund.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. J. C. McLean. 1st vice-pres.—Mrs. B. Long. 2nd vice-pres.—Mrs. H. Black. Secretary—Mrs. L. H. Rohrer. Treas.—Mrs. W. N. Frickleton.

"Hospitals are overcrowded yet wards have to be closed because of lack of staff."—Dr. Harvey Agnew.

"The need for research in Canada is greater than it ever was before."—C. G. Monture.

"By and large, our greatest asset is our courtesy to visitors."—Hon. Eyre.

HOME GAMES DURING FIRST HALF OF GAS LINE LEAGUE

The following teams will be visiting Irma:

Thurs. Dec. 26—Bruce.
Thurs. Jan. 2—Tofield.
Wed. Jan. 8—Ryley.
Wed. Jan. 15—Viking.

Northern Nuggets

Mr. Ivan Hardy has been a victim of influenza. We hope his condition will be reported very soon as fully recovered.

Mrs. Leigh Currie and Ronnie were business visitors to Edmonton last week-end.

Mrs. Jas. Clendell had the misfortune of breaking two bones near her ankle in a stairway fall last week. She was taken to Mannville hospital where she was confined a few days. Last summer she broke her arm when she fell in a stairway.

Mr. R. C. Johnson was a visitor Monday at Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ramsay.

Mrs. Wm. E. Ramsay spent several days visiting her mother and brother Jack in Irma recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Miller were Mannville visitors on Tuesday.

We wish to extend the season's greetings to this column's readers.

May the New Year bring a little more prosperity to all.

The following are the rinks playing in the men's curling club this season:

C. Archibald, Blanchard, J. Kennedy, J. Peterson; S. Brown, H. Riley, L. Barrs, R. Johnson; H. Black, S. Fenton, E. Sanders, M. Enger; W. N. Frickleton, S. Reeds, J. C. Savard, T. E. Yarr; H. Halverson, H. Barber, K. Goodwin, M. Matwiechuk; Pryce Jones, R. Currie, A. E. Elliott, A. Pierce, C. Milne, J. Barrs, I. Hardy, E. Jones, D. McKay, K. Gulbraa, J. McKay, A. Smallwood; W. Lawson, D. Coffin, N. Funk, K. Soneff; J. Fletcher, C. Anquist, S. Hylinka, J. Ostad, J. C. McLean, I. Bolger, R. Johnson, V. Sampson, R. Kirkman, Ross McFarland, R. Smith, W. Symington.

FIRE-PROOF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

A method of making your Xmas tree resistant and at the same time keeping it from shedding its needles for at least a week is suggested by Mrs. V. Macdonald, Supervisor of the Home Economics Service.

Set the base of the tree in a small pail of water to which ammonium sulphate is added. This chemical (often used as a fertilizer) is cheap and readily available. The amount required is one quarter of the weight of the tree. Dissolve the chemical in water, using one and a half pints of water for each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut off a short section of the base of the tree trunk to allow the solution free access to the fresh wood. Set the base in the solution and keep in a cool room for three days or until the solution is absorbed. Treat the tree as soon as possible after it is cut or purchased.

This method is also recommended by the Alberta Industrial Accident Prevention Association and it is expected that tags containing fire-proofing directions will be attached to many of the Christmas trees offered for sale in the city of Edmonton this year.

Easterly Echoes Items From Kinsella District

Mrs. M. Steele has left for a holiday and visit at the home of her elder daughter in California.

Mrs. Allan McFarland spent a few days taking treatments in the Wainwright hospital.

The fire epidemic struck here when one of the oldest residences of the district was burned, that of Mr. Andrew Turnbull. When the fire was discovered it was too late to save any of the contents of the house except a few clothes. Fire from the chimney ignited the shingles, was believed to be the cause. Mr. A. Turnbull is now with Mr. J. Donahue.

Mr. Joseph Holt of Smithers, B.C., was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Holt.

The marriage in Edmonton of Mrs. P. M. King of Fabyan and Mr. George Smith of Fabyan, formerly of Heath has taken place. Christmas to be spent with the family at Fabyan, Mr. and Mrs. Smith intend leaving for a trip thru the U.S. The best wishes of the district go to this couple.

Our best wishes also go to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fuisco and Mr. and Mrs. William Crabb.

Mr. Albert Bacon has not been moved as hoped and has had to return to the Wainwright hospital for further treatment.

Mrs. Elmer Budge of Dapp, and her two children Sanford and Clair have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray. May this Christmas season bring to you,

It's brightest joy, its warmest cheer.
And every kind of Happiness
To make you glad all through the year
Is the wish of your Easterly Echo Scribe.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let not our heart be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee.
But cradles for the living Christ
And his nativity.

Still driven by a thousand cares
The pilgrims come and go
The hurried caravans press on,
The inns are crowded so.

Here are the rich and busy ones,
With things that must be sold,
No room for simple things within
This hostelry of gold.

Yet hunger dwells within these
walls,
This shining walls and bright;
And blindness groping here and there.

Without a ray of light.
Oh, lest we starve and test we die,
In our stupidity,
Come, Holy Christ, within and share

Our hospitality.
Let not our hearts be busy inns,
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And his nativity.

Ralph Spoulding Cushman.

The next L.O.B.A. card party will be held January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mills of Edmonton are the guests of Mrs. Mill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Turnbull for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Granger have purchased the farm near Camp Lake, formerly owned by Mrs. J. Stewart and are now living there.

Mr. F. Beschell is working at Entwistle for the winter.

Mrs. R. McFarland, and Mrs. Scott of Irma spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jack. Miss Shirley Davis was a weekend visitor to Edmonton.

PRICES BOARD TELLS
WHAT RATION COUPONS
EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31

All sugar-preserves S coupons Nos. 1-25 in Ration Book 5 will expire on December 31, 1946, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced. In addition meat coupons M Nos. 56-63, butter coupons B Nos. 29 to 34 in Ration Book 6 and all evaporated milk coupons bearing a beaver design also will expire on that date.

These coupons may still be used by a supplier for a period of 14 days after the expiry date, officials said. However, they may only be used for purchasing supplies until January 7, after which they must be deposited to the credit of his ration coupon bank account or surrendered to a bank in exchange for a bank transfer voucher on or before January 14, 1947.

URGE SAFE DRIVING IN YULETIDE SEASON

Close observance of the need for safe driving, particularly during the Christmas season when traffic is heavier than customarily, is being urged by the Alberta Motor Association.

Many accidents can be avoided if motorists and pedestrians give careful heed to the principle of Safety First at all times.

Such hazards as skidding, defective brakes, blinding headlights also should be guarded against at this season. At level crossings, more than usual care should be exercised to avoid the danger of accidents.

Everyone should co-operate with the desire of making this festive season one that will be marked by a minimum of accidents. Here is a poem written by 14 year old Elvora Pihawich, of Waskatenau, Alta., which has impressed A.M.A. officials:

"Would you who drive a truck or car,
Upon your mind carry the scar
Of some poor child that you had maimed

Because the right-of-way you had claimed?
"Remember to Stop and Look and Listen,
So that for some a Christmas tree will gladden

That is a plea to you and me,
Keep the Yuletide accident-free.

Christmas Services At the Churches

UNITED CHURCH

Strawberry Plains—Public Worship, 11 a.m.
Albert—Public Worship, 2 p.m.
Alma Mater—Public Worship, 4 p.m.
Irma Sunday School—11.00 a.m.
Worship service—7.30.
From 7.15 to 7.30 there will be carol singing in the church.
"And the angel said, 'Be not afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.'" Luke 2:10.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

A Christmas Holy Communion service will be held at St. Mary's church, Irma, on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Rev. L. Brant of Edmonton will be the celebrant.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Christmas program Sunday Dec. 22nd, at 3 p.m. All regular services joining in this one service of praise.

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:10.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 1946

Good Christmas men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice,
Give heed to what we say—
News! News!

Jesus Christ is born to-day.
Once again the glad tidings of the birth of Jesus goes out to the weary world in song and in word.

Nearly two thousand years ago, the Saviour came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

May this Christmas be one of joy and happiness for all people and the may the promise of peace be fulfilled in our hearts and amongst all nations.

Let us also enter the New Year with faith in our God to keep us in all our ways.

All Glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men.

Begin and never cease.
Rev. H. W. Inglis.

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Happy NEW YEAR



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... for a merry Christmas is a
happy one and happiness is the
greatest treasure of all.

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M. D. Wainwright Council Minutes

The council of the municipal district of Wainwright No. 61 met in the council chamber of the municipal district on Thursday, December 12, 1946, at 10:00 a.m. Councillors Dallyn, Spencer, Sutherland, Taylor, Smale, Golding and Archibald were present.

Reeve Sutherland in the chair. Taylor—That the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 1946, be adopted as written. Cd.

Smale—That the accounts as approved by the finance committee and subsequent accounts as approved by the council amounting to \$31,755.01 be passed and paid. Cd.

Spencer—That the correspondence from the Royal Alexandra hospital re account of Mrs. Mary LeeMaster (deceased) be tabled. Cd.

Further to Motion 323 of November 14, 1946, accepting the resignation of Miss H. Klassen, accountant of the municipal district, a token of esteem was presented to Miss Klassen by the reeve on behalf of the council and secretary-treasurer, the district agriculturist and field supervisor. In his remarks the reeve expressed the appreciation of the District for the work so faithfully performed and wished Miss Klassen very best wishes for a happy and successful future.

Spencer—That Miss P. M. Spence be engaged as stenographer-bookkeeper as from January 1, 1947, at a salary as per the secretary's recommendation. Cd.

Correspondence was read from the supervisor of municipal hospitals and order signed by the minister of health dated December 2, 1946, that Township 42, Ranges 1, 2 and 3, west of the 4th meridian be attached to the Provost municipal hospital district No. 12 as and from January 1, 1947.

Smale—That the following appointments and place of voting for division 5 be approved:

Polling Div. 1—DRO, Joe Hill; Enumerator, George Chynoweth; Place of voting, Cranegrade school.

Polling Div. 2—DRO, Frank Redmond Sr.; enumerator, Walter Erickson; place of voting, Saddle Hills School.

Polling Div. 3—DRO, Harry Pugh; enumerator, Merritt Rublee; place of voting, Giles school.

Polling Div. 4—DRO, Ted Goddard; enumerator, Clarence Plaxton; place of voting, Plaxtonville school.

Polling Div. 5—DRO, Vernon Templeton; enumerator, Campbell Templeton; place of voting, Battle Creek school. Cd.

Golding—That the following appointments and place of voting for Division 6 be approved:

Polling Div. 1—DRO, W. Rathwell; enumerator, J. Vetch; place of voting, Mayfield school.

Polling Div. 2—DRO, J. C. Ford; enumerator, George Tindall Jr.; place of voting, Plaxton school.

Polling Div. 3—DRO, J. Holt; enumerator, Jack Sweeney; place of voting, Fabian school.

Polling Div. 4—DRO, J. Nicholson; enumerator, E. N. Arthur; place of voting, municipal office, Wainwright. Cd.

The secretary of the Wainwright municipal hospital district No. 17 advised the council that there was a vacancy on the board of hospital trustees for division D. The retiring officer was advised to set up polling divisions in division 6 of the municipal district to take care of the voting for hospital trustees.

Taylor—That the secretary write Dr. H. G. Folkins re terminating his agreement with the municipal district as per by-law 43 of March 13, 1944, on April 1, 1947. Cd.

Taylor—That a grant of \$100.00 be extended to the village of Edgerton for the purpose of assistance in erecting a small barn in the village of Edgerton providing same is built immediately, the village to assume all responsibility as required by the provisions of the Public Health Act. Motion lost. For the motion, Cirs. Taylor and Spencer; against, Cirs. Dallyn, Sutherland, Golding, Smale and Archibald.

Archibald—That the report of Clr. Golding and the reeve re pound damage H. C. Driver's pound, horses impounded by H. Casper, that the damage of \$4.00 per head be excessive and that the damage should be placed at \$2.50 per head and no costs to either party be accepted. Cd.

Smale—That with reference to Motion 363 of November 14, 1946, the location of the pound kept by

Mr. Henry Tondy shall be on the N½ 6-47-5-4. Cd.

Archibald—That the report of Clr. Dallyn and Clr. Taylor re buildings on the NE 1-42-1-4 that same should not be old but moved into Ribstone to house a motor grader, be accepted and that the committee report when said building has been moved to its new location. Cd.

By-law 179 concerning the sale of the S½ of SW 28-45-2-4 to Dorothy E. Christian for \$213.43, being the amount paid to the former M.D. of Merton 451 under agreement of sale dated November 2, 1929, presented, and passed its first, second and final readings.

By-law 180 concerning the sale of the SW 13-44-5-4 as a direct sale back to the previous owner, J. A. Touchette for \$745.80, presented, and passed its first, second and final readings.

Matters re NW 4-44-9-4, SE 17-43-2-4, Pt. SE 19-45-5-4 tabled until the January meeting.

By-law 181 concerning the sale of the N½ SW 3-45-7-4 as a sale back to the previous owner, Mr. R. Cowell, for \$116.56, presented, and passed its first, second and final readings.

Secretary advise Mr. Headon that the NW 28-46-6-4 is not for sale at the present time.

Smale—That in the matter of divisional allocations 1946 public works the average cost per hour of motor graders be deducted from the average amount charged per hour, the balance after deducting the amount overspent on repairs in the 1946 estimated expenditures to be credited to the divisional balances having regard for the number of hours that the motor graders worked in each division. Cd.

Secretary was instructed to write the provincial government asking them if they will snow plough the road from the highway into the village of Edgerton as same is used as a bus route and by the doctors from the Wainwright clinic.

Sutherland—That the cheque for \$500.00 from the Imperial Oil Producing Department, Calgary, to compensate damage done to municipal roads north and south of town by heavy truck travel, be accepted and this amount credited to division 7 allocations and that the forms of release be completed by the municipal officials. Cd.

Smale—That this council order from the Imperial Oil Ltd. nine barrels of proper lubricating oil for the use in motor graders for the 1947 season. Cd.

Sutherland—That the pay sheets amounting to \$4,888.19 be passed and paid when signed by the councillors. Cd.

Smale—That a rotating seed trust account amounting to \$1,000 be set up in a special fund as recommended by the agricultural service board for the purchase of grain and grass seed to be sold on a cash basis to ratepayers in the District. Carried, Clr. Archibald dissenting.

Dallyn—That this council recommend to the department of trade and industry, government of Alberta that T. D. Beattie be granted a license to sell the products of Watkins and Cl. within the municipal district. Cd.

Dallyn—That the application form for a miscellaneous recreational lease for Pt. SW 17-43-2-4 be completed and application fees and rental forwarded with said application. Cd.

Spencer—That council adjourn. Cd.

"Technically teachers have as much right to smoke and drink as anyone else but I would hate to think there were any who took advantage of it. I think parents still prefer for teachers to be a little more exemplary than other people in their actions."—Frank Patten.



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!

T. EATON CO. LIMITED
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Cordial Wishes For a Merry Christmas



During the year now drawing to a close you have been good friends and loyal customers, and at this season we wish to take this means of extending to you our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Irma Garage
John Ostad, Prop.

Merry Christmas Everybody

There's more than enough Christmas joy to go around... so we're dividing our share into generous portions and sending you a good measure in the wish—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS



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CHRISTMAS - - NEW YEAR'S

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FOR CHRISTMAS

Going Dec. 23, 24, 25. Return until Dec. 26, or first available train

FOR NEW YEAR'S

Going Dec. 30, 31, January 1. Return until Jan. 2, or first available train

ENTIRE HOLIDAY SEASON

SINGLE FARE AND ONE-HALF FOR ROUND TRIP
Going Dec. 20 to Jan. 1 Return until Jan. 7

PREPAY A TICKET

Bring Relatives, Friends Home for Christmas
No Extra Charge
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Canadian Pacific



Measured by the span of years, it has been a long, long time since that first Christmas night, but it might have been but yesterday when we measure the spirit of kindness which the Christmastime releases.

Christmas means happiness, and Christmas happiness is to be shared. We want to share our 1946 Christmas happiness with you.

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S. Hlynka, Prop.

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For New Year's

GOING: Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1. RETURNING: Leave destination up to Midnight, Jan. 2, 1947, or first available train.

For Entire Holiday Season

ONE WAY FARE AND ONE-HALF FOR ROUND TRIP (MINIMUM FARE 50c)

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GOING: Dec. 20 to Jan. 1, 1947. RETURN: Leave destination up to Midnight, Jan. 7, 1947.



CANADIAN NATIONAL

This is a time for happy memories and pleasant recollections of business associations

May the Christmas Season be a Merry one for you and the New Year Bright and Prosperous.



W. N. Frickleton

Your friendliness and goodwill during the past year have been greatly appreciated. We sincerely wish you
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
With Health and Happiness in 1947

Central Garage
Wells and Symington

We wish you
Christmas Joy

... good health and happiness, prosperity and contentment in 1947. We look forward to your continued patronage and pledge our keenest efforts to serve you well.

Shamrock Coffee Shop

Want Ads

AGENT WANTED

Around Irma — opportunity for a reliable man to sell Rawleigh Products. No experience needed to start. Write today. Rawleigh's Dept. WG-L-87-189, Winnipeg, Canada. Dec. 6-Jan. 1

FOR SALE

Broad Crested bronze turkeys from Government banded and approved flock. Apply E. Cullum, Loughheed. 13-20-27p

WORLD OF WHEAT

There is a universal cry in the world for more wheat. UNRRA and the FAO confirm this. Britain says that the German people in the British zone of occupation have nothing like enough bread. The people in Britain are tightly rationed on bread. The British Government complains that not enough Canadian wheat is reaching them, and wants Canada to supply 40 million bushels more at \$1.55 under the Wheat Agreement.

Mr. Gardiner, on November 26, advises eastern farmers to grow more of their own feeds because insufficient feed grains are coming from the west.

More wheat and coarse grains, then, are badly needed. Can our prairie farmers produce more? Yes they can, provided the incentive of higher price is given. That is the magic key to unlock the door leading to greater production. That is what higher prices are for. We have in the west an immense reserve in summerfallow, on which at a pinch, greater acreage could be sown and which would produce a much greater quantity of wheat and coarse grains. It is true that farmers hope for a participation payment on wheat at the end of five years, but the mere hope of a possible participation payment five years hence does not, I suggest, give farmers money with which to produce now.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT

The Highlights

On January 1, 1947, the Canadian Citizenship Act comes into effect. The Act was proclaimed on July 1, 1946, and as the Canadian Citizenship Bill was passed through the House of Commons by the Hon. Paul Martin, secretary of state. The outstanding features of the Act are:

1. For the first time, our naturalization statute states that a Canadian citizen is a British subject.
2. A native-born Canadian or a British subject domiciled in Canada, brides of Canadian servicemen, and all those who now possess naturalization certificates, are declared to be Canadian citizens immediately.
3. The bill provides for the establishment and recognition of Canadian citizenship. Formerly the only definition of Canadian citizenship was to be found in the Immigration Act. In future all Canadian passports will carry the words, "Canadian Citizen," a right which in various circumstances was not general before.
4. The bill maintains and recognizes the status of British subject with the advantage that Canadian citizenship papers will be supplied upon request after the legal period of residence. Once in possession of citizenship papers they will have the right of entry into Canada and the right to Canadian diplomatic protection.
5. Women who marry Canadians will qualify for Canadian citizenship one year after establishing residence.
6. Recognition of the status of British subjects is shown in clauses which provide that all British subjects now in Canada are declared to be Canadian citizens. Certificates will be issued upon application. Non-Canadian British subjects coming to Canada will obtain certificates in the same way after establishing legal residence. No court room ceremony will be necessary.
7. The bill recognizes the right of women to decide their own nationality. Previously women have been classed as persons under a disability and automatically assume the nationality of their husbands. A Canadian woman who marries a man of any other nationality may retain Canadian citizenship if she so wishes.
8. Non-Canadians who served in the Canadian armed forces outside of Canada, qualify for citizenship after one year of such service.
9. Naturalized Canadians will lose their citizenship if they stay out of Canada for a period of six years or more. Canadian citizenship can be retained in such cases only by an official endorsement on a passport or certificate of citizenship.
10. The bill provides for encouragement of education in citizenship for those applying for naturalization. It is intended that the ceremony of naturalization shall be conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity.

ECKVILLE SHOWS THE WAY

H. J. Mather, supervisor of soil conservation, tells how townsmen and farmers of the Eckville district have organized to save their soil. Not to be outdone by the efforts of United States bankers, merchants, doctors and farmers described in Calgary last week by A. E. McClymonds, soil conservation specialist from Nebraska, these Eckville people are promoting action on their own account. Banded together in their save-the-soil campaign, farmers of the district are planning their activities to maintain fertility and control erosion.

Prominent in the movement is J. M. McDonald of the Eckville Board of Trade, who has given freely of his time and energy to encourage this worthwhile project. As an incentive to better farming, a plaque and shield are branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada. The plaque becomes the property of the winner and may be posted in a conspicuous place on awarded annually by the Eckville his farm. The shield is held for one year only, and is then passed on to the next winner.

The Eckville soil conservation group started a few months ago when four or five residents got together with a soil maintenance demonstration project in view. Interest became so keen that it was necessary to enlarge the scope of the plan, and already there are more than thirty enthusiastic farmers of the district working as a group to control erosion and maintain the productivity of the land.



As the shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1946 all the better things that life affords.

Irma Post Office Staff



With the approach of another Christmas we welcome the opportunity to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and express our appreciation of their generous support during the past year.

Johnson's Fashion Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we reflect upon the past year we recollect the pleasant associations we have had with our friends and customers, and to them all we extend

**SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR THIS
HAPPIEST OF SEASONS**

Club Cafe

Jas. Pond, Prop.



... The familiar Christmas Carols we sing every year, and never tire of ... Silent Night ... Oh, Come All Ye Faithful ... all the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered, these things are Christmas. ... The Child-like traditions which young and old enjoy ... the stockings at the fire-place ... the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" ... Dickens' Christmas Carol ... the tree glancing in the parlor ... the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces, these things are Christmas. ... The last minute rush in everything we do ... rushing to meet the mailman ... rushing to meet the train ... rush to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful-of-all-seasons, these things are Christmas. ... The beautiful spirit of giving ... giving not only presents, or money to the poor ... but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all, these things are Christmas.

IRMA TIMES STAFF

Suffering China Calls

to Canadian Farmers

WAR has spread wreckage and suffering among the 500,000,000 people of Canada's Pacific neighbor—China.

Blasted from farms and villages, millions of Chinese families are homeless, hungry and in rags, dying daily from starvation and disease. China was first to feel the Fascist onslaught. For eight terrible years—from July, 1937 to August, 1945—China heroically breast the aggressor's hordes. Two years longer than any of her allies!

Farmers Call to Farmers

To-day, China presents a heart-rending spectacle to Canadians mercifully spared the ravages of enemy guns and bombs. And especially to Canadian farmers!

About 83 per cent. of China's 500,000,000 people are peasant farmers. To the scourge of Japanese planes and artillery have been added, in many districts, flood or drought, and shortage of seed grain. Besides the need for food, clothing, medical supplies, hospital equipment, there is urgent need for reconstruction of farms and homes.

Canada's Aid Essential

During the war, Canadians, through The Chinese War Relief Fund, sent to China some \$2,654,000 in money and over 1,464,000 pounds of used clothing, valued at some \$2,929,000. But the aftermath of war can be more terrible than war itself. The world-wide relief work of the United Nations Relief

Rehabilitation Agency (UNRRA) ends March 1st in China. The burden will fall on voluntary agencies. So Canadian Aid to China (formerly The Chinese War Relief) is making a national appeal. This is an urgent call to Canadian farmers to support this effort.

How YOU Can Help

To make it more convenient for YOU to participate, all Elevator companies have been authorized to receive donations of part of grain deliveries as Aid to China.

When you deliver grain to your Elevator, simply tell the Elevator Agent how many bushels you wish to donate to Canadian Aid to China.

The aim is one per cent. of the storage capacity of each Elevator. Will YOU help to make this possible?

Enlightened Self-Interest

This appeal is to our common humanity as citizens of the One World from which to-day we dare not isolate ourselves. In helping to rehabilitate the Chinese, we are hastening a return to world health and progress.

But we may well remember that China is not only a World Neighbor of Canada, but a good potential customer for our products. In helping her to recover from her war wounds, we are building goodwill and laying the basis of profitable relations in the days to come.

WHAT TO DO

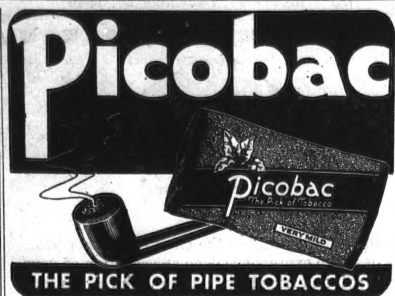
When you deliver grain to your Elevator, simply tell the Elevator Agent how many bushels you wish to donate to CANADIAN AID TO CHINA. Your Agent will make out a ticket in the name of CANADIAN AID TO CHINA for your donation. Official Receipts will be forwarded to you from your Provincial Headquarters for income tax purposes.

No cheque to write, no cash to pay, no mailing to do. It's as simple as that!

CANADIAN FARMERS, BE GENEROUS! CHINA, A GOOD NEIGHBOR, NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This is the only national appeal to be made in Canada during the next twelve months for Chinese relief.

Canadian Aid to China



World Food Supplies

A YEAR AGO THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION was very grave and authorities were apprehensive as to what might happen in parts of Europe and Asia before another crop was harvested. Disaster and famine, such as was expected by many people was averted but the distribution of food was a gigantic problem and much hope was centred on this year's harvest. In the main grain producing countries there was a bountiful crop this year, the volume of which production being greater this season than in any year since 1940. In spite of this, however, it appears that there is still anxiety over the world food supply and that the situation this year may be as critical as it was in 1945-46.

Reserves Have Been Used Up

The reason for this continued shortage of grain is attributed to the fact that all reserve supplies of wheat and other grains have been utilized to meet the desperate need of the people in the famine-stricken countries. As a result we are now living in a situation which one writer describes as "from field to mouth" in respect to grain supplies. Had there been poor crops this year, the world food situation would have undoubtedly been desperate. As it is, it is hoped that we may weather the coming year successfully. Those in close touch with this matter are of the opinion that if disaster can be averted during the next year, and if the next harvest is a good one, the situation will, for a time at least, have been successfully met.

Problem Is Of Wide Interest

As a major food-producing country and one of the largest contributors to the work of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Canada has a great interest in all problems connected with present and future developments in respect to food production and marketing. At this time, the whole question is under discussion in the councils of the United Nations, and these discussions should be followed closely by the people of this country. There are many world problems to take up the attention of the public today, but it should not be forgotten that the question of world food supply is a very vital one, and one which, in the opinion of many people, is closely connected with the preservation of world peace.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT

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To say nothing of its holiness or authority, the Bible contains more specimens of genius and taste than any other volume in existence.—Landon.

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The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever-growing influence of the Bible.—William H. Seward.

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.—Spurgeon.

SOMETHING TO KNOW
An easy way to pick up broken glass to prevent scratched fingers and feet is to take a piece of fresh bread and wad it into a ball and use in a blotting fashion. 2702

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SPENDING ORGY PETERING OUT

Shops Report Falling Demand For Goods Other Than Essentials

SYDNEY, Australia.—A spending orgy that came in Australia with the end of the war is petering out and people have become sparing both in their pleasures and domestic purchases.

Returned service personnel have spent their deferred pay received on discharge either on their rehabilitation or on a holiday before resuming civilian work. Civilians are thought to have spent their war savings.

Sydney night clubs report a big drop in attendance. Except for Friday and Saturday nights when they are still crowded, attendances are said to be only about half of what they have been, though food and service have improved.

Shops also report falling demand for goods other than essentials. Hotel-keepers, whose bars do big business, say that their sales are steady but there is no wild spending.

Bookmakers in Sydney and Melbourne report that people are betting on the horses in modest sums instead of big wagers that used to go around the ring. Melbourne bookmakers estimate their takings at a recent important race meeting were down 50 per cent, though attendance at the track was larger than a year ago. Totalizator figures are also down.

There has been a decline in savings deposits with banks. Deposits with trading banks dropped by about \$10,000,000 in June. Deposits with the government-controlled Commonwealth Bank after reaching record figures in July have fallen from a monthly average of \$20,000,000 to about \$700,000.

BOY USES ODD METHOD TO OBTAIN MONEY

CHICAGO.—Sixteen-year-old David Ruge, who said his ugly face caused him so much grief that he tried to extort funds to have it corrected, received \$1,000 in money from an Ohio industrialist and will soon have his plastic surgery operation.

The youth recently won probation on a charge of attempted extortion after he had admitted he sent a letter to a former employer threatening to kill his two children unless the father paid \$5,000. Ruge said his friends called his "monkey face." Miss Jessie Binford, head of the Juvenile Protective Association, who has charge of a fund for the surgery, said the Ohio donor asked that his identity be kept secret. She declined to say how much money the fund received from sympathizers, but added the boy will soon have his operation.

SILK FOR BRITAIN

YOKOHAMA.—A shipment of 1,212 bales of raw silk, the first to be exported to Britain since the end of the war, will be loaded aboard the transport Empire Fraser.

How to Combat RHEUMATIC PAIN

Rheumatic pains may often be caused by excess uric acid, a blood impurity that should be extracted by the kidneys. If kidneys fail, and excess uric acid remains, it may cause severe discomfort and pain. Treat rheumatic pains by keeping your kidneys in good condition. Get and use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's help your kidneys get rid of trouble-making poisons and excess acids—help you feel better. See what Dodd's can do for you. 137

Real Silk From China

Australia Is Buying All That Can Be Shipped

SYDNEY, Australia.—Chinese silk now being sold here is being flown from Hongkong to Sydney in 42 hours. Manufactured in Chinese factories by Chinese labor, the silk is being snapped up from samples even before it passes the customs.

The factories are only now getting into full production, as many looms were destroyed by the Japanese. Prices, now prohibitive, should start to fall as production rises. Nylons slashed 10 to 15 per cent at a Sydney store will be sold shortly—but they are parachutes, not stockings. Designers consider them suitable for modern swim-suits and evening dresses. About 250 nylon "chutes" will be sold and as many fine woven silk ones.

To Feel Right — Eat Right!

X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X

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Answer To Last Week's Puzzle

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MANY NEW GADGETS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE

An Efficient Filter For Keeping Refrigerator Fresh And Sweet

The number of household gadgets, large and small slated to appear on the market is sure proof that we're back in the piping days of peace again. Many of the new items are made of metal, aluminum, or stainless steel.

In this group is an efficient filter for keeping the interior of your refrigerator fresh and sweet by absorbing food odors. It's a long narrow, perforated aluminum container filled with pellets of "activated carbon." It looks almost like a flat sheet of the metal and is suspended under any shelf in the refrigerator by means of little hooks.

The carbon granules or pellets with which it is filled are made of husks of coconuts which have been burned to a charred state. These take up many times their own volume of odorous gases and will not wear out for at least five years. You remove the gadget when defrosting the refrigerator, and once in a while you slip it in the oven and bake it a short while to restore its dryness. Otherwise you leave it alone.

Its makers claim it will protect butter, milk, and ice cubes from having an "off taste", and that it prevents mingling of flavors and transfer of taste from one food to another.

From time to time there have been a number of little gadgets intended to help the constant reader keep his place in his book. Along comes a new one made of metal and designed to clamp to the back cover. An extension arm which slides back and forth and from which a small metal tab depends fits down over the page you want to turn to next time. It's easy to adjust it to fit the next chapter.

MIMICKED HIMSELF INTO LOVE

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng.—Eighteen years ago an English boy named Leonard William Naylor mimicked the American accent of a 15-year-old girl he heard talking in the yard next to his home.

The tiff they had over that was patched up and they became friends. When Lucille Greenham of Detroit went home after visiting relatives here, she began writing to Naylor. Three years later she visited here for a short time, and saw him again. After a courtship of 15 years conducted by mail, Naylor and Miss Greenham were married.



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Figure It Out

News Items Such As This Are A Bit Confusing

The Charlottetown Patriot says: We read in an exchange, "James Brown is much better after being kicked by a horse." Of course what is meant, Mr. Brown is recovering, and feeling better after a horse kicked him. No, that does not make it read right yet, because this would sound that it did Brown good by the horse kicking him, and if the horse hadn't kicked him he would not be feeling better, and again, if he wasn't kicked, he would be the same as before and not feeling better. Well, what the Dickens are we trying to say? Moral—Keep away from that horse's heels.

KEEP COLD OUT
Insulating tape placed over the cracks between the baseboards and the floor means a substantial saving of fuel.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT
GOOD FOR STRAINS
JUST PAT IT ON!

LITTLE DRAMAS OF HOME LIFE



Pop was writing the household cheques ... and suddenly blew his top!

IT was as quick as that! All was serene in the household, with the Male Parent working in his den, the rest of the family scattered around. Then, all of a sudden, Pop exploded like a landmine.

What had happened to Pop? — Was it the bills? — no, they came every month. Was it the kids? — no, Pop usually took them in his stride. Was it — yes, this sounds like it — a caffeine hang-over? For Pop had been going it rather strong for tea and coffee recently.

Watch your nerves! Drink Postum — for its grand, rewarding flavor — and because it's the ideal way to stop drinking tea and coffee. Contains no caffeine to over-stimulate and upset you. Convenient — made right in the cup — economical — costs less than a cent a serving.



A Product of General Foods

Caged Lions, Tigers Battle It To Death

Trainer Describes His Experience As Most Harrowing
PEORIA, Ill.—A cage full of roaring, clawing, snarling wild animals—ignoring their veteran trainer, engaged in a free-for-all five-minute fight resulting in the death of two lions.

The beasts battled until exhausted and Dick Clemens, trainer, had only a chair and a stick to defend himself. Clemens, soaking wet from what he described as the most harrowing experience in 20 years of training animals, escaped without a scratch.

"I've never seen such a fight in 20 years of animal training," said Clemens, who is 47. "They were all in it. I was in the middle and I was scared. The young lions (four two-year-olds) on one side of me and the old ones and tigers on the other. Then all hell broke loose."

"But they weren't after me. They were as intent on each other as if they were all after a piece of meat." Clemens brought in the young lions from the Evansville, Ind., Zoo and they were being "introduced" to five old lions, including the father and mother of the four, and two tigers.

As Clemens prepared to put the animals through their acts in the foot locked steel cage one of the old lions struck at a tiger. The tiger poked back and the fight was on. The young lions, frightened, tried to escape through a chute. They couldn't get out.

Two of the young lions died, one suffering a broken neck and back while a second was so badly mauled it was shot.

Five minutes after the fight started Clemens said the tigers were back on their shelves and seven of the lions back on their seats.

Figures Differ

Damaging Results Felt By Workers Through Strikes

More about that \$75 to \$100 million annual "gain" which Canadian Congress of Labor Secretary Pat Conroy claims strike settlements have won for Canadian workers. Here are figures on the Anaconda American Brass strike, May 23 to Oct. 16.

In the five-month strike, 1,300 workers lost \$1 million in order to "gain" an apparent \$300,000-per-year increase. The Financial Post is told that even this obvious loss is far more in actuality than it appears on the surface because the company before the strike reportedly offered its workers a 10 per cent wage increase before the strike, July 1 would have brought workers at least that, perhaps up to 12 per cent. Instead the union gave them a five-month holiday without pay—and finally settled for 12½¢ an hour boost. The real union "gain" was one-half to 2½¢ an hour. To make the \$1 million loss at that rate would take more years than Mr. Conroy would care to think about.

Those are the figures in one case. Other parallel cases have come to The Post's attention. They all add up into a staggering out-of-pocket loss Canadian workers have suffered, when simply taken at face value. If one cares to look deeper, into the telling bruises our whole economy has taken from strikes in terms of lost export opportunities and dangerously unbalanced production at home, the picture takes on terrifying significance.—The Financial Post.

Matter Of Defence

Moving Japanese From Pacific Coast Was Not Question Of Race

When the Japanese were moved from the Canadian West Coast, it was a matter of defence, not a question of race, says W. L. Clark, in the Windsor Star. That point should be abundantly clear to everyone, but it does no harm to leave Hon. Ian Mackenzie explain it again.

There was a Japanese fishing village right beside the Vancouver air base at Sea Island. It is true the Japs said they were there long before an air base was located on the island, but that did not alter the fact of their presence in such a strategic spot. Also, some of our friends in British Columbia who were on pretty good terms with a lot of Japs told us they were surprised to learn that some of the worst actors among the Japs were included among those they would least suspect of enemy tendencies.

Politicians have tried to make the Japanese question a racial argument. It was a defensive measure, taken to protect this country in time of peril.

WHY BABIES CRY

To find out why babies cry, tests were made in the Rochester Child Health Project. Dr. Katherine E. Roberts reports. The investigators found that the average crying time per baby was almost two hours a day and the average crying time per hour ranged from 1.3 to 11.2 minutes. It was found, Dr. Roberts writes, that when infinite care was taken to fulfill the babies' needs there was a decrease of 51.4 per cent in the average number of minutes of crying for each baby in 24 hours.

Tugboat Adrift 11 Days At Sea—Lone Occupant Unafraid



Adrift 11 days during a wild Atlantic storm, Kenneth Lohness, 23, of Lunenburg, N.S., was rescued after losing 25 pounds. He was steering a new tug when a towline broke.

Authorities gave up search for the tug after a week, but Lohness said he never lost hope. His boat was sighted 40 miles off Cape Sable Island. Here is Lohness at wheel.

Prehistoric Animal

Robert Proved Fatal Lunch Thirty Million Years Ago

BERKELEY, Cal.—A 30,000,000-year-old prehistoric fossil animal with the skeletal remains of a large rat it ate for lunch has been unearthed by University of California paleontologists in South America.

Dr. R. A. Stirton, associate professor of paleontology, who brought the specimen back from South America, said the animal probably was a borhyaena, a carnivorous marsupial similar to a modern wolf or hyena.

The beast apparently died shortly after dining on a historic porcupine, belonging to the prehistoric porcupine and guinea pig family, Stirton said.

The scientist described the fossil beds of northern South America as virtually unexplored. Because the continent was isolated for so many millions of years during the time the prehistoric animals lived, Stirton said they developed strange characteristics not found in any other fossil beds in the world.

Stirton brought 28 species of prehistoric animals back from his South American expedition, of which only three have been catalogued before.

Some of the animals resembled horses, sheep and camels, but Stirton said they were not related to those animals as the world knows them today.

Clever Products

Many New Things Being Shown At Exhibition In London

Many of the streamlined products on show at the "Britain Can Make It" exhibition, now being held in London, are the ingenious outcome of "top secret" processes and materials perfected during the war. The following are a few of the exhibits on display: (1) A "mural" radio, which appears to be a map of the world and forms part of the scheme of decoration of one wall of the living room. To get music from Paris, simply plug the bulb into Paris; to get news from New York, move it across the Atlantic. (2) Enamel saucers that can be left simmering on the stove forever. The food will not burn, the enamel will never crack. (3) A three-in-one household step-ladder made of metal and wood. Add fixtures, and you have an efficient ironing board; substitute others, and you have a high chair for the baby. (4) Wool dresses as fine as silk, warm in winter and cool in summer. They will not crease or shrink. (5) For air travel, a zip-fastened lid bag made of embossed canvas impregnated with synthetic resin. It is color-fast, water-proof, rot-proof and mould-proof.

Ceiling Remains

Price Of Turkeys Still Controlled By Prices Board

Prices board officials announce the price of turkeys continues to be under control from the wholesaler to the consumer.

The wholesaler's selling ceiling for grade A birds is 38 cents per pound, for grade B, 36 cents and for grade C, 35 cents. The retailer then adds approximately seven cents per pound, and that is what the consumer will pay.

The lower the grade of the turkey the smaller will be the markup the retailer can add to the price of the bird.

Order A2085 of the prices board governs ceiling prices for wholesalers and this does not allow a wholesaler to sell above 38 cents a pound for a grade A bird. According to present market prices the wholesaler pays to the producer, the wholesaler operates on a margin of not more than three cents per pound.

The wife of the president of the United States was called "Your Majesty" until 1815.

Love—Most Valued Gift Of Parents

Professor Of Psychology Gives Analysis Of Children's Needs

"The most valuable thing parents can give their children is love and the capacity to respond," said Gardner Murphy, Professor of Psychology at City College, New York. "They of course need also outlets for their drives and energies and worthwhile activities which hold their interest."

Professor Gardner was addressing a session of a course for members of the Police Department conducted by the City College and the Police Academy in co-operation with the Juvenile Aid Bureau. He also outlined seven ways to lead children to a joyful, useful, socially creative membership in society.

"Children," he said, "need to be helped into a conception of freedom, autonomy and self-reliance which, as members of a free society, they may achieve."

"They need models, standards and forms on which to build."

"They need recognition of their individuality and of their individual gifts."

"They need to be provided with opportunities to win self-respect."

"They must be made aware of the affection their parents have for them."

"They need to be believed."

"They must be provided with outlets for their energies and drives."

But most important of all, he added, was that parents help their children "feel our love and to nourish within them the capacity to respond by loving the people in their own personal world."

"From this, in time, will come a broader love for the whole community to which we hope their lives will be dedicated," he added.

EASY TO FIND

As we haven't printed much lately to perk the ladies up, says the Ottawa Citizen, here's one that may help: "If you are looking for my husband," she said to the caller, "he has gone fishing. Just go down to the dock and look for a pole with a worm at each end."

No two zebras are patterned exactly alike.

"THEY CAN STAND SOME MORE SCRUBBING"



Sailor Tells Of His Ordeal On Atlantic

Lost Track Of Time But Never Thought He Would Be Lost

SHELBURNE, N.S.—Forty pounds lighter but as happy as any man could be who had just come back from a lonely battle with the sea, Kenneth Lohness, N.S., sat down to his first square breakfast in 11 days. Given up for lost after an eight-day search by air and sea, he had failed to find any trace of the tiny tug Tanac 261, Lohness, the vessel's sole occupant, arrived in Shelburne aboard the same craft that had broken loose from the tow-boat Glenfield Nov. 5 during a howling Atlantic gale.

The United States Coast Guard cutter Ponchartraine sighted the Tanac 40 miles south of Cape Sable Island, the southernmost tip of Nova Scotia, and towed it to Shelburne.

Lohness' first question to the crew of the Ponchartraine: "What the heck day of the week is it?"

It was Friday, the 10th day that Lohness had spent "dancing along like a cork" on the chill wastes of the North Atlantic.

"I never thought I would be lost," Lohness said between heaping mouthfuls of food. "I kept looking each morning for a sign of help and sure enough, this morning I saw the Yankee Coast Guard bearing down on me. I says to myself, 'Ken, you're a lucky man. You're going home soon and have a hot meal.'"

As the young seaman prepared to rejoin his family in Riverport, he said this about his grim ordeal: "I lost track of time but I sure never lost interest in living. I dropped 40 pounds weight and I'm now only 225."

"About three days ago I got the engine running and kept her going for about four hours but I ran out of fuel. Then I dropped my anchors but the hawners both parted and I went dancing along like a cork."

"When the weather got heavy I stayed at the wheel and ran before the wind. At other times I tried to get some sleep."

"There was food to eat but I never felt like eating it. When a man's adrift like that and pretty cold and pretty miserable he doesn't feel much like eating."

Lohness said the Coast Guard vessel was the first sign of any sea or aircraft he had seen since the gale-swept day when the Tanac was being towed from Lunenburg to Liverpool, N.S., and her tow-line parted.

Asked when he would be ready for sea again, he said:

"Well, I might tell you. Sometime in the middle of the summer, when the sea is smooth and there are plenty of haws aboard with me, I'll never travel alone again."

Clutters Britain

Barbed Wire One Of Country's Greatest Problems

LONDON—Discarded tanks, huts, sandbags, corrugated iron and other army gear still clutter up the British countryside, but probably the greatest problem is the barbed wire which practically swathed the islands when invasion seemed probable.

Capt. F. J. Dellenger, Secretary for War, said in the Commons he would welcome volunteers to help the Government remove barbed wire from its wartime locations. Wilson Harris, Independent member for Cambridge University, had asked 15 miles of barbed wire coiling about the common at Leith Hill, Surrey, would be removed in the next year or two.

Mr. Dellenger said Britain would be cleared of discarded army material as and when the manpower situation allowed.

A Fine Memorial

Unknown Man Gives British Towns Park Lands For Recreation Grounds

One of the finest war memorials in Britain has been given by a Sussex county town by an unknown man, East Grinstead, at one time in the "Battle of Britain" country and with a high civilian death role for its size, is to have 120 acres of park land laid out as public recreation grounds. The Garden of Remembrance will be dedicated not only to the town's own war dead but to all who died for Britain. Among the woodlands will be a swimming pool and an open-air theatre, and in the park football grounds will be provided and a cricket pitch, as big as that at Lords in London, where county matches will be played.

SHIPBUILDERS NOW

Before the war Canada built few ships of any size. It's different now. The French Government has placed an order with a Sorel shipyard for six cargo ships to cost \$8,500,000 and the same firm is also building 15 trawlers and four cargo vessels, also to French Government order.

ROADS EXPLAINED

Mysterious roads emanating from old Rumbling Bull mountain, Lake Lure, N.C., have been explained by scientists as being caused by bulldozers, falling from the tops of caves deep in the mountain.

BAN OPTUM SALES

TEHRAN—Public sales of opium have been banned throughout Iran, the Government announced.

A camel walks at the rate of about two and a half miles an hour.

A Christmas Gift to You

3 Hot Specials from Now Until December 31
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WOMEN'S DRESSES

Women's wool jersey frocks. Smartly made, sizes 18-20. Reg. \$9.95. Special at

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Silk crepe dresses. Almost a complete range of sizes 14 to 20. All new, all smart. Regular \$11.95. Special at

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Heavy flat crepes in plain shades. A few sheers and some taffetas. Regularly priced up to \$4.00. All to clear at one special price.

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Sizes 12 to 18, largely small sizes.

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Late in arriving, so you benefit. Heavy one-piece snow suits with cap to match. All wool blanket cloth, plain and plaid. Sizes 4 to 6. Away below ceiling. Special..... **7.95**



With thanks for your generous support and for your consideration during the past difficult years in merchandising.

We wish one and all that age-old wish, "May you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Happy Season's Greetings

Another year has passed into history and we are again face to face with the season of the year that brings glad tidings to all people. Each of us has done his share to help forget the horrors of war and to bring the happiness that should come with peace. Let us all resolve to put forth every effort to make this a land of Peace, Happiness, Plenty and Good-will and to wish each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Imperial Lumber Company Ltd.

Irma, Alberta

H. L. BLACK, Manager



Just a Rhyme

Just a rhyme at Christmas time
But how much it can mean!
Keeping memories in mind
And friendships ever green.

Just a rhyme at Christmas time,
My greetings to convey,
Health and Peace and Happiness
Go with you all the way.

V. Hutchinson Irma

LOCALS

Owing to the severe wounds he received during the war, Jimmy Sharkey has just undergone another major operation. He is a patient in Shaughnessy hospital, Vancouver and will be in there over Christmas. Jimmy's dad received a telegram from the hospital on Tuesday night saying that Jimmy had come through the operation quite well.

Word has been received that Tommy Kirkpatrick is also taking treatment in Shaughnessy hospital.

Leo Thurston of St. John's college, Winnipeg will spend the holiday season at his home here.

If this mild weather will only continue, we shall all yet be able to come out of our respective igloos and wish one another a Merry Christmas and a Warner New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hill and small daughter have arrived from Chipman. They plan to make their home in the Irma district. Mrs. Hill, nee Marney Paterson, is a native of Irma.

Mrs. J. J. Hines returned to Irma from Hughenden on Sunday last.

We understand that Mr. Bert Kennedy is a patient in an Edmonton hospital this week.

Mr. John Ostad is spending a few days in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charter are spending the holiday season with their son and daughter in Edmonton.

This week we are printing the first half of the Gas Line Hockey League schedule. All hockey fans are advised to cut out same and pin up for future reference. We hope to get the second half of the league schedule later on.

The January meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held Thurs., Jan. 2 at Mrs. M. McFarland's. Mrs. McLean, Con. Convenor, will make her official visit that day. Hostesses—Mrs. R. Larson, Mrs. Anquist and Mrs. J. Rae.

In the hockey game between Holden and Irma on Wed. Dec. 18, Irma came out on top, 6-4.

The Irma Hockey Club are sponsoring a dance and bingo on New Year's Eve.

COMMUNITY COOK BOOK



Clever Judy Frosting:

1 tablespoon butter.
1 cup sifted icing sugar.
1 egg or two yolks unbeaten.
½ teaspoon vanilla.
¼ cup milk.
3 squares of unsweetened chocolate.

Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream well together. Add egg, milk, vanilla and chocolate. Place bowl in pan of ice water and beat with rotary beater until of right consistency to spread. (about 3 mins.) Makes plenty of frosting for 2 cakes and has a lovely flavour.

Mrs. W. J. Brickman, Mannville.



By DR. F. J. GREANEY,
Director, Line Elevators Farm Service,
Winnipeg, Man.

"Fate" Time on the Prairies

For many years the country fair has been an important feature of rural life in Western Canada. Now that the war is over it will again take its proper place as one of the greatest of all summer attractions for the prairie farmer and his family.

This year, as in the past nine years, The North-West Line Elevators Association has prepared an outstanding agricultural exhibit for the fair circuit in Western Canada. Under the direction of Mr. J. Seaton, the exhibit has been artistically designed to feature subjects of universal and current interest to farmers.

The central part of the exhibit portrays the ravages of an important group of plant diseases, namely, the seed-borne diseases of cereal crops. The most destructive of these in Western Canada are the smuts and the seedling blights and root rots. The fact that most seed-borne diseases of cereals can be effectively controlled by seed treatment is emphasized in the main section of this year's exhibit. In addition, attractive side sections have been prepared on weeds, modern chemical aids in the war against insects and weeds, and on the urgent matter of food conservation and human welfare.

Mr. Everett Robertson, B.S.A., will accompany the exhibit as agricultural advisor. He will welcome enquiries concerning the work of this Department. These new publications will be found at the exhibit booth: (1) Smut Diseases of Wheat, Oats and Barley, (2) Root Rots of Cereals in the Prairie Provinces, (3) Disinfection of Wheat Heads, and (4) Producer's Grading Guide.

We hope all our readers will visit the exhibit of the Line Elevator Companies this year. It will be displayed at the following points: Swift Current, July 1-2; Moose Jaw, July 3-6; Calgary, July 8-13; Yorkton, July 15-17; Melfort, July 18-20; Saskatoon, July 22-27; Vegreville, July 29-31; Red Deer, August 1-3; North Battleford, August 5-7; and Prince Albert, August 8-9.

NOTICE

WILL SHIP

HOGS and CATTLE

Over the Holiday Season

On MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

and MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Being Christmas and New Year's no train service

Thanking You,

OBERT A. LOVIG

Warmest Greetings

From the

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Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

Irma Co-operative Assn.

Staff and Management



Christmas comes and re-awakens the appreciation of happy relationships... re-kindles the warmth of friendships made during the time it has been our privilege to serve you. To those whose friendly support has contributed so greatly to our welfare, we extend our most cordial appreciation. Our best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

Chas. Milne, U.G.G. Ltd.



For over a quarter of a century we have been trying to serve the people of the district. The past few years have been exceptionally difficult. We have spared no expense to bring to you only a few things from coast to coast to help make for us all a more "Merry Christmas." As times improve we will still push ahead for better and more merchandise to assist each one of us in more Happy and Prosperous Years to Come.

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Now Comes Christmas

... and with it the chance to remember all the friends we've served throughout the year with a few sincere words:
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NOW AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON of the year we want to wish you and your families all the joy and happiness possible and to extend to you our sincere good wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year

AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

